



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Toney Stewart
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie

Lt. Donald Hudson
Lt. Cynthia Williams
Lt. Whitney Walton
Lt. Robbin Bradford
Sgt. Shelly Holderbaum
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
Sgt. Melanie Long-Thomason
Sgt. Teta Petty
P.O. Viera Brownlee

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Herbert Moreland
DC John Clark
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. James Suchoski
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Brian Davis
Insp. Donald Johnson
Lt. Dale Greenleaf
Lt. Tonya Golfin
Lt. Khauma Lathum
Lt. Brian Mounsey
Sgt. Michael Carpenter
Sgt. Marlon Carter
Sgt. Charles Rickey
Sgt. Roger Johnson
P.O. Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
Inv. Jeanise Monroe
Inv. Faithe Ways

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Moore	June Lee
Tom Stidham	Phyllis Hernandez
Ron Scott	Tijuana Morris
Julie Semma	Robin Jefferson
Christine Davis	

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:24 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, April 16, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, April 9, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF POLICE OFFICER VADEN COOK, BADGE 933, ASSIGNED TO THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Exec Dir Gross stated Officer Cook has asked for a closed door session.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

Year to Date



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,210** active investigations, of which **339** of those are for 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 04/16/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	12TH PRECINCT		1								1
3	CENTRAL		1	2							3
3	COMMUNICATIONS		2							2	4
3	EASTERN		2				2		1	1	6
2	GAMING		2				2				4
4	NARCOTICS		3		2		3				8
2	NORTHEASTERN						1			1	2
6	NORTHWESTERN		2				5			1	8
2	SOUTHWESTERN		2				1				3
1	SPECIAL CRIMES			2			1				3
1	TACTICAL		1				1				2
1	TRAFFIC		1								1
4	Unknown Command		3				2				5
1	WESTERN		1								1
34			21	4	2		18		1	5	51

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

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@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St.
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On April 9, 2009, officers of the Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team arrested a subject previously wanted on a "shooting." As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with "4 Counts of Assault with Intent to Murder, 4 Counts of Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm Less than Murder, Felony Firearm 2nd, Weapons-Firearms-Possession by Felon, 4 Counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault), Weapons-Firearms-Discharge in or at a Building, Domestic Violence, and Habitual Offender 2nd."

Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
		7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
		13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
		22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
		14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations- Monday -Friday

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Southwestern District

On April 9, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 3000 block of Gruesel on a "Robbery Armed." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed and Felony Firearm." The stolen items and a handgun was recovered.

Homicide

On April 6, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 11000 block of Vaughn on a "Body Found." As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "1st Degree Child Abuse & Murder, Assault with Intent to Rob While Armed, and Home Invasion 1st Degree."



Northwestern District

On April 9, 2009, while on patrol in the area of Woodbine and 7 Mile, officers of the Northwestern District initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle disregarding a traffic signal. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Possession of a Loaded Firearm in a Motor Vehicle."



Eastern District

On April 6, 2009, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 17000 block of Harper on a "Breaking & Entering" in progress. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering of a Business, Larceny from Building, and Habitual 3rd."

AC Fleming stated the department's Chaplains are having their 11th Annual Interfaith Candlelight Vigil Service on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 7:00 pm at Cobo Hall. He further stated that the police department is having its 36th Interfaith Memorial Service on Friday, May 1, 2009, at 8:00 am at Old St. Mary's Church at 646 Monroe Street.

He then introduced Lt. Hudson of Risk Management who gave an overview of the Management Awareness System (MAS).

SEE ATTACHMENT

Chairperson Holley asked Lt. Hudson to give an example on how an officer's information is put in the MAS System as it pertains to Risk Management.

Lt. Hudson stated Lt. Greenleaf will explain that process.

Lt. Greenleaf gave a hypothetical that if an officer is involved in a car accident or a citizen complaint, that information is put into the system to see if there's a pattern that requires the officer receive additional training.

Chairperson Holley asked if the system will also compare the dollar amount of lawsuits from year to year.

Lt. Greenleaf stated the system doesn't give a dollar amount, but it can show how many accidents, shootings, or citizens complaints on a yearly or quarterly basis. This information is shared with the law department and they can give a dollar amount for these periods.

Chairperson Holley asked if the lawsuit question(s) should be directed to the law department.

Lt. Greenleaf stated he doesn't know the specific amount (s), but the last time he met with the law department, there was a significant decrease.

Chairperson Holley asked how the MAS system compares to other major cities with the same or similar system.

Lt. Greenleaf stated the department always looks for the best practices above and beyond the system.

Lt. Hudson stated that no other city is doing a better job at managing Risks than the Detroit Police Department.

Chairperson Holley asked if the system helps meet some of the mandates of the Consent Decree.

Lt. Hudson stated yes, one example is the number of in-custody deaths. As a result of the Consent Decree the department does not have any.

Chairperson Holley stated this in the type of information that the commissioners need to have to access to the community. He requested the department put a report together that will show the department's progression over the years.

Lt. Hudson stated they have that information but didn't bring it today.

Chairperson Holley stated for the lieutenant to bring it later.

Lt. Hudson stated yes, sir.

Comm. Rivera stated if an officer is having psychological problems, will that information be put into the MAS System.

Lt. Greenleaf stated no, because of confidentiality reasons.

Comm. Griffin asked if the MAS System was part of the department policies and procedures.

Lt. Hudson stated yes, sir.

Comm. Griffin asked have there been any conflicts between the system and the unions regarding their contract.

Lt. Greenleaf stated he isn't aware of any, but there have been discussions regarding different items with the MAS System.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated there have been a few grievances, but as of today, they have been resolved.

Comm. Griffin stated at some point the data that is stored in the system will be used to build a case against an officer.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated yes.

Comm. Griffin asked how did that work in building a case?

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated that information was translated into a misconduct report. This information will be taken to see if a Trial Board is warranted or a Commander Action is needed.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standings committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A RECOVERY ACT: STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: COMBATING CRIMINAL NARCOTICS ACTIVITY STEMMING FROM THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES COMPETITIVE GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S OFFICE OF JUSTICE

The United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs has announced that they are accepting applications for a Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States Competitive Grant. Under this solicitation, the grantor will be making awards to provide assistance and equipment to local enforcement along the Southern border to combat criminal narcotics activity. As an authorized law enforcement applicant for HIDTA (High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) and due to the fact that there is criminal narcotics activity in Detroit "stemming" from areas south of the southern geographic land border of the United States (i.e., Mexico, Central and South America), the Detroit Police Department is able to submit a proposal for this grant announcement.

This competitive announcement focuses on four categories: 1) Combating criminal narcotics activity; 2) Enhancing southern border jails, community corrections, and detention operations; 3) Facilitating justice information sharing, collaboration and problem solving and 4) National training and technical assistance.

The application which will be prepared may span multiple categories, but the primary focus of the application will be on category 1. Examples of narcotic drug activities that could be funded include, but are not limited to:

- Hiring sworn law enforcement officers or paying overtime to address narcotics-related activity including drug related crime and violence.
- Establishing, maintaining, or enhancing multi-jurisdictional drug trafficking task forces
- Hiring crime analysts and intelligence analysts to support data-driven strategies to combat criminal narcotics activity.
- Supporting law enforcement activities that respond to border-related home invasions and associated violence.
- Establishing, supporting, and enhancing crime lab capacity to assist HIDTA and other state and local law enforcement initiatives to combat narcotics activity.
- Enhancing law enforcement resources for narcotics-related investigations, prosecutions, and intelligence gathering and sharing activities.
- Hiring prosecutors for programs targeting criminal narcotics-related violent crimes, smuggling, storage, transportation, and related issues impacting the region.
- Acquiring, maintaining surveillance and tracking equipment and personnel costs for interdiction support.
- Acquiring equipment and connectivity functions to support intelligence and regional information sharing programs.

There is **no local match** or cap on the amount of funding that can be requested and the federal funding to be requested is still being determined at this time. This will be a two year grant, expected to run from June 1, 2009 thru May 31, 2011. In the event that approval is granted to apply and the award is received, Sergeant Rodger Johnson, of Narcotics, will serve as the project director. **The deadline for this application is April 17, 2009.**

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated there is no dollar amount mentioned.

Lt. Williams stated they are in the process of doing the budget to provide an amount.

Chairperson Holley stated tomorrow is the deadline.

Lt. Williams stated yes, and she can have that information to the Executive Director tomorrow morning.

Chairperson Holley asked if she can state an estimated amount.

Lt. Williams stated about one million dollars.

Comm. Rivera asked will the department receive an upgrade as well or just the Southern Border facility.

Sgt. Johnson stated only the Southern Border facility.

Comm. Rivera stated will the department receive computers and other equipment.

Sgt. Johnson stated yes.

Comm. Rivera asked will the positions that are being requested be DPD positions.

Sgt. Johnson stated they will be overtime positions.

Comm. Rivera asked will the prosecutors be housed in Detroit.

Sgt. Johnson stated no prosecutors will be hired from this grant and that is only a provision if the department needs to request it.

Comm. Rivera stated this grant states what the department could ask for, but not what they are requesting.

Sgt. Johnson stated that's correct.

Comm. Rivera asked if the ITS Department be receiving any support from this grant.

Sgt. Johnson stated all of the equipment will be for the enforcement unit.

Comm. Rivera stated most of the million dollars will be personnel.

Sgt. Johnson stated for overtime.

AC Fleming stated the department's overtime has been high and the department has been instructed to cut back on overtime. This grant will help supplement that overtime.

Chairperson Holley asked Sgt. Johnson to submit a copy to this Board when it is finalized.

Sgt. Johnson stated absolutely.

2. GRANT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT FOR PALM LIVE SCAN GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

The Michigan Department of State Police has secured funding to procure digital palm Live Scan devices through the "Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act" for distribution to local agencies. Local agencies are eligible to apply for up to **\$16,000.00 in funding, with no cash match.** The program requires palm prints of sex offenders to be captured and retained.

Technical Support, of the Detroit Police Department, has been provided with the application instructions and is currently developing a program in compliance with the guidelines of the grant. In the event that approval is granted to accept and the award is received, Commander Russell Decrease, of Technical Support, would serve as the project director. **The deadline for this application is March 13, 2009.**

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera asked hadn't the Board approved this grant before.

Lt. Williams stated yes, this is to accept what had already been approved.

**3. GRANT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT AN OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT
FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division has awarded Wayne County a total of \$2,310,000.00 for Homeland Security under the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (P.L. 110-161), fiscal year 2008 Operation Stonegarden grant program. The Detroit Police Department has been approved for **\$300,000 in funds, with no cash match** in the grant. The grant period is April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

The objective of the grant is to increase operational capabilities of law enforcement while promoting a layered, coordinated approach to law enforcement along the international borders. Detroit has been approved for \$150,000.00 for overtime and \$150,000.00 for equipment. The Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Emergency Management Coordinator will have the primary responsibility for oversight, administration execution, procurement and distribution of grant funds.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Inspector Donald Johnson, of Homeland Security, would serve as the project director. The appropriation number is 12948.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this funding and seek approval of the Honorable Detroit City Council.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera stated the \$150,000 is for overtime only.

Insp. Johnson stated there is \$150,000 for overtime for dive team and harbormasters, and \$150,000 for equipment.

Comm. Rivera asked what type of equipment will be purchased.

Insp. Johnson stated they will purchase day and night binoculars, personal flotation devices, mustang suits, handheld flares, handheld General Point Systems (GPS), pelican cases, search lights, and night vision goggles.

Comm. Rivera asked if the department officers will be doing immigration work.

Insp. Johnson stated this is a Border Patrol function that will allow all Border Patrol agencies to work together and protect the International Border.

Comm. Rivera stated she attended a meeting with the Hispanic Police officers and some concerns were voiced about the immigration in Southwest Detroit. She asked Insp. Johnson if he could attend the next meeting to answer some of those concerns.

Insp. Johnson stated yes, because their target is terrorism at the International Border.

AC Fleming stated this money is focusing on the Detroit River.

Insp. Johnson stated yes, sir.

Comm. Rivera stated a lot of the Mexicans come through Canada.

AC Fleming stated they are only interested in those who don't use the bridge or the tunnel.

Insp. Johnson stated that's correct.

Comm. Rivera stated okay.

Comm. Okdie stated it is not only Hispanics, but Arab American who deals with this as well. He stated immigration, terrorism, and drugs were all mentioned and that confuses him, because he thought that the focus of the grant was for illegal immigration.

Insp. Johnson stated the focus of this grant is for all the law enforcement agencies to work together to protect and service the Detroit River of all illegal activities.

Comm. Okdie stated it is not one or the other, it is illegal activity in general.

Insp. Johnson stated yes, it is illegal activities.

Comm. Okdie asked which agency is providing the money.

Insp. Johnson stated the Wayne County Emergency Management will be the fiduciary for this grant.

Comm. Okdie asked what state agency is providing the money.

Insp. Johnson stated the Michigan State Police.

Comm. Okdie asked is it coming from the Fed's Homeland Security to the State Police and then to the County.

Insp. Johnson stated that's correct.

Chairperson Holley stated the \$300,000 is being divided into \$150,000 for equipment and \$150,000 for overtime.

Insp. Johnson stated that's correct.

4. GRANT: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2009 "RECOVERY ACT LOCAL YOUTH MENTORING INITIATIVE" GRANT FROM OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (OJJDP)

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) have announced that they are accepting applications for funding under the FY 2009 "Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative" Grant. OJJDP supports the effort to reduce juvenile delinquency, violence, gang participation, school failure, and drop-out rates. This grant will allow law enforcement to develop, implement, and/or expand local mentoring programs leading to measurable, positive outcomes for at-risk youth.

The Detroit Police Department's Grants and Contracts is developing a proposal in compliance with the guidelines of the grant. The Department will seek the maximum amount of funding, \$500,000.00 with no cash match. This will be a four year grant expected to run from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2013. In the event that approval is granted, Police Officer Viera Brownlee, of Grants and Contracts, would serve as the project director. **The deadline for this application is April 20, 2009.**

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera asked how are the outcomes for at-risk youth measured.

Lt. Latham stated it is mandated that every staff member get accustomed to every youth in the program. In one month, the department wrote a thousand tickets and, as a result, shootings among youths declined by 35 %.

Comm. Stewart stated are there parts that deal with training.

Lt. Latham stated yes, they train the youths and adults how to prepare an application, resume, and interviewing techniques.

Comm. Stewart asked if they are using any skill trade unions.

Lt. Latham stated no, but they have partners with the Michigan Works and Buffalo Soldiers Organization.

Chairperson Holley asked to know how the youths are selected.

Lt. Latham stated they can be referred by the judicial system, volunteers and referrals.

Chairperson Holley stated and you have been doing this since 2006.

Lt. Latham stated yes, sir.

Comm. Rivera asked are they working with any Faith-based organizations.

Lt. Latham stated yes, she goes out to all of the churches to speak but no one has committed.

Comm. Rivera asked are there any in Southwest Detroit.

Lt. Latham stated yes.

Comm. Griffin asked is the truancy rate being measured.

Lt. Latham stated yes and that they also work with the judicial system if it gets out of control.

Comm. Stewart asked to know the success rate for the program.

Lt. Latham stated she measures the success rate of how a person is changed, such as the kids not going to jail, being killed and or being in their household(s) with an interest to succeed. It comes out to about an 85% success rate.

5. GRANT: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR AN EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

The United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs has announced that they are accepting applications for their Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to help communities improve the capacity of state and local justice systems and provide for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs.

This competitive announcement focuses on initiatives in eight areas: 1) preventing and reducing violent crime through community-based data-driven approaches; 2) providing funding for neighborhood-based probation and parole officers; 3) reducing mortgage fraud and crime related to vacant properties; 4) hiring of civilian support personnel in law enforcement (training staff, analysts, dispatchers, etc.); 5) enhancing forensic and crime scene investigations; 6) improving resources and services for victims of crime; 7) supporting problem-solving courts; and 8) national training and technical assistance partnerships.

The application which will be prepared may span multiple categories, but the primary focus of the application will be on category 4. The intent of category 4 is to provide funding to departments to allow the hiring of additional civilian law enforcement personnel (crime and intelligence analysts, dispatchers, and training staff) to augment their workforce, thus allowing more sworn law enforcement to be on the street in an effort to reduce and prevent crime.

There is **no local match** or cap on the amount of funding that can be requested. The number of civilians to be hired and federal funding to be requested is still being determined at this time. This will be a two year grant, expected to run from August 1, 2009 thru July 31, 2011. In the event that approval is

granted to apply and the award is received, Sergeant Michael A. Chambers, of Grants and Contracts, will serve as the project director. **The deadline for this application is April 27, 2009.**

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera asked for Lt. Williams to explain “preventing and reducing violent crime through community –based-data-driven approaches.

Lt. Williams stated that is one part of the grant, but they are focusing on the part that will allow them to hire civilian support personnel in law enforcement.

Comm. Griffin asked are these grants separate from the stimulus funds that were announced in the news.

Lt. Williams stated this is one of them, but most of the stimulus grants are coming from grant funding.

Chairperson Holley asked AC Fleming if it is possible to find out how many officers stay within the 20-mile radius of the union contract.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated there is a 20-mile radius of the borders of Detroit, and they do have that information.

Chairperson Holley asked by stating you have that information does that mean that all the officers are abiding by the union contract.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated yes, for the most part.

Chairperson Holley asked what does for the most part mean.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated there is no residency, but they do have the information where everyone lives.

Chairperson Holley stated the 20-mile radius took the place of the residency.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated yes, but some officers were grandfathered in.

Chairperson Holley stated there have been some disciplinary situations where the officers stayed 75 miles away. He stated if the State believes there is a concern for Homeland Security, then why can't they help fix this.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated the police department has a mobilization plan in force where the officers can be deployed in stages. It will be a hardship to make the officer and their family move back to the city or closer.

Chairperson Holley asked so you are more concerned about the police officers and their family and not the citizens of the city.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated no, she isn't saying that.

Chairperson Holley stated if an officer stays fifty miles away, what stage is he or she in.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated as it relates to the Border, the department has a plan in place. The residency is a contract that is negotiable, but a lot of things will have to happen before an officer is forced to move within the city.

Chairperson Holley stated the State takes over everything else, how come they can't help fight this fight and override the union.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated yes, they can.

Chairperson Holley stated if there was a situation like New York had, there is no way for the department to deploy 3,000 officers with good response time.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated they have partnerships with other police agencies within the State.

Chairperson Holley asked if any Livonia police officers stay in the City of Detroit.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated she doesn't know the answer to that.

Chairperson Holley stated is the department saying they aren't going to fight for residency.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated every contract, that is one of the department's main proposals is to be fought for.

Chairperson Holley stated this city will never make it the way it is being done. You can't have community police if the officers don't stay in the community.

Comm. Stewart stated he believes that if the officers were more in touch with the community, the service would be better.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated the department does a good job of recruiting people that live within the city. As of today, there are 4-5 classes in the academy.

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. **DISCIPLINARY APPEALS**

Atty. Washington stated in the matter of Disciplinary Appeal **BPC 08-003D**, **Police Officer Mary Gross**, badge 624 is being represented by Atty. Donald Stolberg and Atty. Letitia Jones, Law Department.

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to sustain the decision of the Trial Board in its entirety.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: Comm. Stewart, Comm. Griffin, Comm., Okdie voted no, and Comm. Rivera voted yes.

Atty. Washington stated in the matter of Disciplinary Appeal **BPC 08-004D**, **Police Officer Chad Bristol**, badge 1320 is being represented by Atty. Donald Stolberg and Atty. Letitia Jones, Law Department.

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to concur with the Chief's recommendation for suspension without pay for 3 days.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: Comm. Stewart, Comm. Griffin, and Comm. Rivera voted yes, Comm. Okdie voted no.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 23, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

T. Morris stated as a retired officer, she was subject to harsh words and they do affect a person. She further stated if there's a complaint with members of the collaborated Task Force where does the public go to file that complaint.

Chairperson Holley stated that he will get her an answer later.

E. Moore stated that Councilman Kenyetta also supports the residency for police officers.

R. Jefferson stated she would like to get some answers from the department regarding the murder of her brother.

DC Clark asked Ms. Jefferson to meet with Sgt. Cox.

R. Scott stated maybe the Board should look to hold these personnel matters on a different day because they are important because of this para-military organization.

Comm. Okdie stated he agrees that these matters are important, but there is a systematic greater problem.

R. Scott stated he also agrees there is a greater problem.

C. Davis stated thanked the Board for their support, but there is still a discrepancy in what the towers have been getting. She stated they used to get \$75.00 for a tow since they open 2121 Fort Street. They receive \$35.00 for a tow.

Chairperson Holley stated he wants to get the towing issue done expeditiously.

Comm. Rivera stated there is a meeting this week and we will make a report on it next week.

Chairperson Holley stated he needs this to be done before he leaves this Board.

Comm. Rivera stated they are working diligently on this issue.

Atty. Washington stated that they have a list of concerns and once they meet with the other entities, they will be going in the direction that the Chairperson is talking about.

Chairperson Holley stated that the Mayor's office needs to understand the position that they are putting this Board in.

T. Stidham asked if there are minutes being kept during the Task Force meetings and are they available to the public.

Comm. Rivera stated the next Task Force meeting is next week, and no minutes are being taken at those meetings.

T. Stidham stated during a meeting with the towers a question was asked as to how many towers would like an extension and 100 percent raised their hands.

Comm. Rivera stated that was part of a survey and not for a decision.

T. Stidham asked is that something that the Task Force will be taking into consideration.

Comm. Rivera stated it has been discussed, but hasn't made a decision.

T. Stidham asked is there a timetable to make a decision.

Comm. Rivera stated no.

T. Stidham asked if that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Comm. Rivera stated yes.

P. Hernandez stated she wants to continue her letter from last week.

Chairperson Holley stated he only wants a copy of it.

P. Hernandez stated there are no written rules that says a citizen has to get a document approved before they can have it submitted to this body.

Chairperson Holley stated that report mentions people and other issues and he wanted the law department to review it. A decision was made that you can't read it into the record but you can give this Board a copy.

Atty. Washington stated she received a copy of an Auditor General's Report from Ms. Hernandez that the Board already has, along with another report and she will make sure the Board gets a copy.

P. Hernandez stated names and personalities have nothing to do with her letter that she wants to read.

She asked the Board to uphold the Auditor General's Policy to find a fact finder and report back to the public within 30 days.

Comm. Rivera stated that's what she has been doing.

P. Hernandez stated you have to be a lawyer to do that.

Comm. Okdie asked where she read that.

P. Hernandez stated in the Charter.

Comm. Okdie asked if it says that any fact finder has to be an attorney.

P. Hernandez stated yes, sir.

Comm. Okdie stated a fact finder for whom.

P. Hernandez stated she found on the Board of Police Commissioners website.

Comm. Okdie stated he doesn't believe that.

Comm. Griffin stated the Board has a resolution and a Task Force made up of stakeholders. He stated these concerns could be given to that group and come back with an answer to the questions.

P. Hernandez asked does that Task Force have authority to discipline.

Comm. Griffin stated no, but however, once they make their recommendation(s), that will give this Board the opportunity to focus on the next step.

Comm. Okdie asked Ms. Hernandez if she was satisfied with Comm. Griffin response.

P. Hernandez stated absolutely not.

Comm. Okdie stated then he will make a second suggestion. He asked her to put her concerns and recommendations into a letter to the Chairperson of this Commission. You will receive a response in writing to your concerns.

P. Hernandez asked if she is being forbidden to read this letter to the Board.

Comm. Okdie asked what is it that you are trying to accomplish by reading your letter into the records. He asked how many pages is the letter.

P. Hernandez stated 2 pages.

Comm. Okdie stated why don't you just send it to the Chairperson, as a certified letter.

P. Hernandez stated again is she forbidden to read her letter to this Board. She stated a yes or no will do.

Comm. Rivera asked will names be mentioned.

P. Hernandez stated yes, ma'am.

Comm. Griffin stated no.

Chairperson Holley stated to Ms. Hernandez to submit her letter and she is forbidden to read it on record.

Atty. Washington stated she understands Ms. Hernandez position, but is very concerned about naming names. The Auditor General's Report is public and if the letter is provided to this Board, they can respond.

Comm. Griffin stated he needs a legal opinion. The Chair has stated to Ms. Hernandez that her letter mentions names. He asked Atty. Washington to explain to the Board and Ms. Hernandez what the liability is.

He stated to Ms. Hernandez that neither she nor anyone else needs to feel like they have to leak something to the press that they were denied the opportunity to name names. He asked Atty. Washington to give them a legal opinion and there is no need for any other discussion.

Chairperson Holley stated to bring it back in two weeks.

P. Hernandez stated she has never leaked anything to the press.

J. Semma stated that during the last meeting, DC Clark was checking to see if her company could be added to the rotation list.

Comm. Rivera stated that will be discussed with the Chief when he becomes available.

Chairperson Holley stated a request having been made by PO Vaden Cook, Badge 933, he moved that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15. 268 (a) of the Open Meeting Act, to consider a personnel matter relative to this individual.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

The Board went into a closed session at 5:55 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 6:36 p.m.

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Exec Dir Goss stated unless **contravened** by this Board, the above suspension without pay will stand.

There were no contraventions.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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